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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

My name is Suresh Patel. I am speaking for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on behalf of business and industry organizations represented at this 12^{th} COP, a broad and diverse group representing companies of all sizes, sectors and from all parts of the world, with a variety of opinions and a common desire to be part of the process.

Business recognizes the risk and challenges of climate change and will continue to dedicate resources and know how to develop better processes, technologies, and products that bring value to customers and societies and contribute to global efforts on climate change. The challenge for us all is to address climate change, while at the same time providing better access to energy, greater security of energy supply and increased development in a sustainable manner.

In the collective search for more clarity and predictability around future energy systems and environmental frameworks, business, as a key-contributor to solutions, has its views on how to best engage in longer term approaches and policies for successful attainment of the UNFCCC objectives.

We believe that longer-term international climate policy approaches should seek to:

- Take into account the experiences, impacts and effectiveness of implementation of climate policies in different countries and regions;
- Engage broad international participation to address and manage risks effectively; all countries will have to engage in longer term approaches and policies for a successful attainment of the UNFCCC objectives. We urge all parties to continue their efforts to succeed on this crucial feature.
- Continue to include market-based and voluntary approaches, and engage capital markets;
- Create the conditions that would allow GHG markets to continue to be one option that contributes to effective implementation;
- Encourage the utilization of the full range of energy options;
- Address adaptation needs, particularly in developing countries, and create frameworks and governance structures to efficiently attract the necessary resources to address such needs;
- Stimulate the broader use of existing efficient technologies, and support research, development and global deployment of new low carbon and more efficient technologies in all sectors.

Research and investment relevant to climate change will be needed for decades: we should start building that component now. Business is prepared to play a leading role in all phases of research, development and global deployment of innovative products, processes and services that will be part of the portfolio of long-term solutions. We believe that over the coming decades, new scientific and technological information as well as experience with the consequences of climate policies will lead to changes in our perspectives, goals, and the way we approach them. As competition continues to drive markets, new solutions will emerge that will require revisiting periodically the ones that look favorable or efficient today.

Business recognizes that regulatory certainty can not be guaranteed as new information may require new approaches, for example, in response to new perceptions of environmental or safety risks, or unforeseen consequences of existing approaches or rules.

Business needs clarity and predictability concerning the policy setting process, and to have the opportunity to share its views both at national and international levels. Also of great importance is the need to integrate dimensions in addition to environmental protection such as:

- Energy access for development coupled with strategies to deploy the full range of energy options
- Energy Security
- Investment and Technological innovation
- Adaptation

In particular, we should engage more fully those in governments responsible for sustainable development, economic, industrial, trade and energy issues at national and international levels.

Businesses need coherent, long term and consistent policy frameworks in which to innovate, invest and operate. Timeframes for addressing climate change should reflect the economic life of current and future business investments. Good governance, strong institutions and policy approaches to encourage investment and technology innovation are critical factors for the business contribution to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

We remain concerned that some approaches being implemented now can have economic, competitive, investment and trade impacts, and could pose unnecessarily high costs on business and society. Though long term targets may have appeal, they must also confront the need to gain and maintain long term political support. As options for longer term approaches, frameworks and objectives are considered, we urge governments to bear in mind their effects on economies and societies, on development pathways, and on the environment.

In the area of sectoral approaches, many business driven initiatives have already demonstrated real progress in reducing GHGs and improving energy efficiency. International sectoral approaches may offer additional benefits if we can address their potential challenges. There are many operational and other differences among and within sectors – 'one size does not fit all.' We encourage governments to enter into dialogue with business and others to shed light on the relevant market and cross-sectoral issues in that regard.

Cooperation, transparency, flexibility, inclusiveness and sustainable development must be strengthened in the next chapter of the UNFCCC. The pursuit of clarity should not lead us to prematurely embrace conclusions that may prove ineffective from political, cost or environmental standpoints, and that may prevent us from being responsive to new knowledge, innovation and experience.

Business is essential to workable solutions based on current and new technologies that can be used globally. The business community stands ready to continue engagement with policymakers and to cooperate on long-term approaches that address and mitigate climate change in the context of growth, access to energy and sustainable development.